



City of Champions

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Brockton to participate in Massachusetts Farmers' Market Week August 23-27

BROCKTON – Mayor Linda M. Balzotti is excited to announce that the city will participate in Massachusetts Farmers' Market Week.

The Brockton Farmers' Market, held each Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in City Hall Plaza, 45 School St., will feature a healthy cooking demonstration and free samples by the UMass-Extension and magazine giveaways from *Edible South Shore*.

The city will be distributing a locally focused food magazine. These magazines were awarded to Brockton by the state's Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, for participating in Farmers' Market week.

Brockton has hosted a Farmers' Market for almost two decades. This month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture ranked Massachusetts sixth in the nation for the number of Farmers' Markets. There are 228 statewide. In the last year, the number of farmers' markets across the nation has increased by 16 percent, from 5,274 to 6,132.

Whether you shop at the market regularly or haven't visited yet this season, the event is a great opportunity to check out the market, learn some new recipes, and have fun with the kids.

Senior citizens and residents eligible for WIC can purchase items using a discount voucher. The vouchers for senior citizens are available at Old Colony Elder Services, 144 Main St., or by calling (508) 584-1561. WIC-eligible residents can get vouchers at 795 Pleasant St., or by calling (508) 588-8241.

For more information concerning the Farmers' Market, please contact the Mayor's Office at (508) 580-7123. You can also obtain additional information by visiting the City of Brockton's website at www.brockton.ma.us.

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